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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,561,743
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,610,651

- (3) Europe 0 343 995
- (4) Europe 0 676 658
- (5) Europe 0 827 004

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. Application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated April 3, 2002, is also enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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